



MEDIA RELEASE

DUI Round-Up 45 Arrests in June 2013

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In June 2013 officers from the Santa Barbara Police Department made 45 arrests for driving under the influence violations. Numerous arrests are made each month when concerned citizens call 9-1-1 after witnessing possible DUI drivers. The SBPD would like to thank the responsible citizens who take the time to call and report suspected drunk drivers. The following is information on a few of those cases.

6/1/13 at 5:00 p.m.: Elijah Stephen Watson Jr. (age 44) was driving a U-Haul truck in the area of 500 State Street when three citizens concerned about his driving called 9-1-1 to report a possible drunk driver. Officer Freytag located Watson driving the U-Haul truck on 500 Chapala Street. Officer Freytag observed several Vehicle Code violations and conducted a traffic stop on Watson's vehicle. Officer Freytag contacted Watson who stated that he had consumed "a little beer" prior to driving. He noticed that Watson smelled of alcohol, had bloodshot watery eyes, and was displaying symptoms of intoxication. Officer Freytag conducted a DUI investigation and determined that Watson was far too intoxicated to safely operate a motor vehicle. Watson was placed under arrest for DUI and he chose to submit to a breath test which registered his BAC at .24 and .25. Watson was also found to be unlicensed. He was booked into County Jail for DUI and being an unlicensed driver.

6/1/13 at 5:54 p.m.: Michael Jeffrey McGee (age 54) was involved in a non-injury traffic collision in the parking lot of Vons Supermarket at 3855 State Street. Officer Clark, who was nearby, was flagged down by an involved party and witnessed McGee driving his vehicle the wrong way down an aisle in the parking lot. Officer Clark contacted McGee who smelled strongly of alcohol and displayed objective symptoms of intoxication. McGee stated that he had consumed one ounce of vodka at 4:00 a.m. Officer Clark checked McGee's driving status and was informed that McGee is currently on probation for DUI. Officer Clark conducted a DUI investigation and determined that McGee was too intoxicated to safely operate a motor vehicle. Officer Clark placed McGee under arrest for DUI and he chose to submit to a breath test which registered his BAC at .21 and .20. McGee was issued a citation for DUI.

6/4/13 at 2:01 a.m.: Pamela Janell Holmgren (age 36) was driving her vehicle in the area of Mission Street and State Street when she collided with a parked car. Holmgren fled the scene and was followed by a taxi cab carrying passengers who called 9-1-1 while following Holmgren's vehicle. Officer Cardana located Holmgren driving her car which had sustained significant front end damage and a flat tire from the collision. He conducted a traffic stop and contacted Holmgren who initially denied being involved in a crash. Holmgren displayed significant symptoms of intoxication and was found to be too intoxicated to safely operate a motor vehicle. Officer Cardana placed Holmgren under arrest for DUI and she submitted to a breath test and a blood test which registered her BAC at .15 and .14. Officer Bruce conducted the traffic collision investigation and discovered that Holmgren struck numerous vehicles at

several locations. Holmgren was cited for DUI and hit-and-run and was admitted into the Sobering Center.

6/5/13 at 10:11 a.m.: Rebecca Morrison (age 70) drove into City Lot 2 through a pedestrian entrance and then collided with a wall while attempting to park her vehicle. She was contacted by parking lot employees but then left the scene in order to go to a hair appointment. The parking lot employees called 9-1-1 to report the collision and stated they believed the driver was intoxicated. Officer Corbett contacted Morrison sitting in a chair at a hair salon. He had Morrison exit the salon and noticed that she was unable to walk without holding on the various things for assistance. Morrison stated that she had consumed one glass of champagne with breakfast. Morrison admitted to colliding with the parking structure and was also identified by two witnesses that had observed her driving. Officer Corbett conducted a DUI investigation and determined that Morrison was far too intoxicated to safely operate a motor vehicle. Morrison was placed under arrest for DUI and she provided two breath samples which registered her BAC at .27 and .27. Morrison was booked into County Jail for DUI and hit-and-run.

6/9/13 at 4:49 p.m.: Trevor Eugene Bryant (age 25) was driving in the area of Las Positas Road and Cliff Drive when he rear-ended another vehicle. Officer Keller arrived to investigate and contacted Bryant who was displaying symptoms of intoxication. Bryant stated that he had consumed three beers at the Cliff Room prior to driving and that the alcohol made him feel "a little bit of a buzz." Bryant also said that he had been looking at his cell phone and was not aware that traffic had come to a stop in front of him. The driver and passenger in the other car both had injuries and were treated by paramedics. Officer Keller conducted a DUI investigation, determined Bryant was too intoxicated to safely operate a motor vehicle, and placed him under arrest for DUI. Bryant chose to submit to a breath test which registered his BAC at .21 and .20. Bryant was booked into County Jail for DUI causing injury, a felony, with a bail amount of \$100,000.00.

6/27/13 at 9:04 p.m.: Cisero Sotelo Hernandez (age 52) was driving southbound on Anacapa Street directly next to Officer Keller who was on a police motorcycle. Hernandez made an unsafe and illegal lane change, nearly colliding with Officer Keller. Officer Keller subsequently conducted a traffic stop on Hernandez. She immediately noticed that he smelled strongly of alcohol, had bloodshot watery eyes, and appeared to have difficulty retrieving his identification. Officer Keller asked Hernandez if he had consumed any alcohol and he adamantly replied "No!" Officer Keller checked Hernandez's driving record and was advised that he had two warrants for DUI and was currently on probation for DUI. Hernandez was placed under arrest for his outstanding warrants and transported to the Police Station where Officer Keller conducted a DUI investigation. She determined that Hernandez was too intoxicated to safely operate a motor vehicle. Hernandez was additionally arrested for DUI and he chose to provide two breath samples which registered his BAC at .22 and .22. He was booked into County Jail for his two outstanding warrants, violation of probation, and his third DUI with a bail amount of \$25,000.00.

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